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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Anaerobic Digester Upgrade and Conversion of Secondary Digester in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Galesburg Sanitary District, located at 2700 West Main Street, Galesburg, Illinois 61401.

The funding would be used to clean and improve the number 4 digester (built in 1970) for better, more efficient mixing, while adding biogas monitoring and safety equipment, and to convert the secondary digester (built in 1944) to a primary digester with the addition of internal mixing, boiler/heat exchanger, and biogas monitoring and safety equipment.

Galesburg Sanitary District operates a nearly century-old facility that cannot meet current environmental regulations. This project is part of the replacement plan for a new Waste Water Treatment Plant. Reusing the existing infrastructure was determined to be the most cost-effective means to accomplish the necessary stabilization of plant-produced biosolids, enabling the continued beneficial reuse of those biosolids as fertilizer on farm ground owned by the District, and the continued capture and reuse of digester gas. The project will help ensure compliance with current and future NPDES permit limits. This project as outlined is expected to cost approximately \$1,500,000, and the District is poised to commence construction as soon as funds are assured, with local matching funds available. This work will be of use both with the existing infrastructure as well as the new plant, when it is fully operational.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Respectfully,

Cher Bustos

Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress
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